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SUBJ: YOUR TRIP TO CHINA

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2. {U} YOUR TRIP TO THE PRC AT THE END OF THIS MONTH REPRESENTS AN IMPORTANT COMPONENT OF OUR 1995 SECURITY DIALOGUE PLAN WITH THE CHINESE PEOPLE'S LIBERATION ARMY. AS YOU PREPARE FOR YOUR VISIT, I WOULD LIKE TO SHARE MY THOUGHTS ON THE OVERALL STATE OF SINO-

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AMERICAN RELATIONS, TO OUTLINE THE FRAMEWORK OF OUR 1995 BILATERAL
MILITARY RELATIONSHIP, AND TO PROVIDE POLICY GUIDANCE FOR YOUR
DISCUSSIONS IN BEIJING.

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5. (U) AT THE SAME TIME, SHARED BILATERAL SECURITY CONCERNS AND INTERESTS HAVE HELPED ENSURE THAT SINO-AMERICAN MILITARY RELATIONS HAVE PROGRESSED SINCE THE SECDEF VISIT TO CHINA LAST OCTOBER. DEFENSE TRANSPARENCY TALKS HAVE BEEN CONDUCTED IN BOTH BEIJING AND WASHINGTON/HAWAII. THE VISIT OF THE USS BUNKER HILL TO QINGDAO WAS WELL-EXECUTED. THE RECENT VISIT OF PLA NDU PRESIDENT, GENERAL ZHU DUNFA, TO THE U.S. HELPED ADVANCE BILATERAL MILITARY EDUCATION EXCHANGES. OUR MAJOR DEFENSE CONVERSION INITIATIVE WITH CHINA, AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL, HAS ENJOYED REASONABLE SUCCESS DUE TO THE EFFORTS OF DOD, THE USAF, THE FAA, AND COMMERCE. FINALLY, YOUR OWN COMMAND HAS DONE AN EXCELLENT JOB OF PROMOTING PLA PARTICIPATION IN THE MANY MILITARY SYMPOSIA AND FORA THAT YOU CONDUCT.

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8. {S} DURING YOUR VISIT, IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO CONVEY A RANGE OF MESSAGES TO YOUR INTERLOCUTORS IN BEIJING. UNDERSTANDING THAT YOU DO NOT YET KNOW THE SPECIFICS OF YOUR ITINERARY, I'LL IDENTIFY THOSE SECURITY ISSUES AND THEMES CONSIDERED MOST IMPORTANT SO THAT YOU CAN WORK THEM INTO YOUR GAME PLAN AS SOON AS THE PLA PROVIDES YOU WITH A COMPLETE SCHEDULE.

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15. {U} G} REGARDING OUR CONTINUING EFFORTS TO INVESTIGATE MIA CASES, YOU SHOULD EXPRESS OUR THANKS TO THE PLA FOR ITS RECENT ASSISTANCE IN RESOLVING A WORLD WAR II CASE, AND IN GATHERING INFORMATION ON SEVERAL SOUTHEAST ASIA CASES. WE HOPE TO SET THE STAGE FOR GAINING PRC COOPERATION IN ADDRESSING PARTICULAR KOREAN WAR CASES AS WELL.

16. {U} H} THE CHINESE MINISTRY OF NATIONAL DEFENSE HAS TENTATIVELY EXPRESSED A WILLINGNESS TO SERVE AS THE PRC HOST FOR A LATE-MAY WWII COMMEMORATIVE INDIA TO CHINA "HUMP" FLIGHT. IF, BY THE TIME OF YOUR VISIT, IT IS CLEAR THAT THE PLA WILL PROVIDE SPONSORSHIP, YOU SHOULD EXPRESS, IN ADVANCE, THE GRATITUDE OF OUR ARMED FORCES FOR WHAT WILL BE A VERY MEMORABLE AND POSITIVE EVENT.

17. {U} IN CLOSING, I'D LIKE TO EMPHASIZE THAT WE ARE READY TO PROVIDE YOU WITH ANY SUPPORT YOU REQUIRE. I'VE INSTRUCTED MY STAFF TO WORK CLOSELY WITH YOURS AND THE JOINT STAFF TO ENSURE CONSISTENCY IN OUR POLICY LINES. COLONEL KARL EIKENBERRY FROM ISA, WHO WILL BE JOINING YOUR DELEGATION, HAS A GOOD APPRECIATION OF OUR COMPREHENSIVE CHINA STRATEGY AND WILL BE ABLE TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE SUCCESS OF YOUR VISIT. GOOD LUCK AND BEST WISHES.

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